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SUBJECT: INFORMAL PLURILATERAL SAFEGUARDS MEETINGS

1. LONG-DELAYED "PHASE 2" OF SAFEGUARDS TEXT-BUILDING EXERCISE GOT UNDERWAY APRIL 28 AND MAY 1 AND 2 AS KEY DC DELS (U.S., EC, JAPAN, CANADA, NORDICS, SWITZERLAND, AND AUSTRALIA) CONVENED FOR PURPOSE OF CONSOLIDATING EXISTING INDIVIDUAL TEXTS (U.S.-EC, JAPANESE, NORDIC, CANADIAN) INTO SINGLE, "INTEGRATED" DOCUMENT. WHILE RESULT OF THIS FIRST CUT EFFORT IS A LONG, BRACKET-LADEN DRAFT THAT TYPICALLY PRESERVES RATHER THAN MERGES IMPORTANT IDEAS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS, ALL RECOGNIZE IT AS A SINE QUA NON FOR FURTHER REFINEMENTS.

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2. USING 5-COLUMN 9-CHAPTER SYNOPTIC TABLE DEVELOPED IN FEBRUARY-MARCH AS BASIC WORKING DOCUMENT, DELS MOVED WITH UNEXPECTED SPEED COVERING ALL SUBJECT AREAS EXCEPT CHAPTER 4 ("NATURE OF ACTION"), WHICH WAS PURPOSELY LEFT AS IS TO AVOID GETTING BOGGED DOWN IN MIRE OF SELECTIVITY AND EXPORT RESTRAINTS PRIOR TO SOME CLEARER

MEETING OF MINDS. DESPITE EARLIER PROTESTATIONS FROM EC THAT WORK ON OTHER SAFEGUARD ELEMENTS COULDN'T GO FORWARD UNTIL PROGRESS MADE ON SELECTIVITY, GROUP PROCEEDED IN A WORKMANLIKE AND COOPERATIVE FASHION WITH SELECTIVITY SURFACING ONLY OCCASIONALLY AND WITHOUT DISRUPTIVE EFFECTS.

3. THERE WAS GENERAL RECOGNITION THAT THE FINAL SHAPE OF CHAPTER 4 WILL LIKELY HAVE SIGNIFICANT BEARING ON CONTENT OF OTHER CODE SECTIONS (PARTICULARLY CONDITIONS, NOTIFICATION/CONSULTATION, SURVEILLANCE, DISPUTE SETTLEMENT)--AND VICE VERSA. WORK PROCEEDED ON EXPLICIT UNDERSTANDING THAT PARTIPANTS CAN PROPOSE ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS, ALTERNATIVE TEXTS, OR AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING TEXTS AS DRAFT EVOLVES.

4. COMMENT: RESULTS OF THIS EXERCISE ARE A STEP FORWARD BUT CONFIRM THAT MOST DELS HAVE NOT YET EXAMINED POSSIBILITIES FOR COMPROMISE LANGUAGE OR THEIR OBJECTIVES (CANADIAN DEL SOMEWHAT THE EXCEPTION WITH APPARENTLY GREATER DRAFTING FLEXIBILITY WHICH AT TIMES SEEMED TO SUPPLY THE STIMULUS TO KEEP THESE DISCUSSIONS GOING). MOST URGENT NEED AT THIS STAGE IS PROMPT REVIEW OF TEXT IN VARIOUS COUNTRY CAPITALS. END COMMENT.

5. CPIES OF INTEGRATED TEXT BEING HAND-CARRIED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WASHINGTON BY MATTHEISEN AND HARTZELL. DELS TENTATIVELY AGREED TO MEET AGAIN WEEK OF MAY 15 WITH AIM OF GIVING AT LEAST PRELIMINARY REACTIONS FROM CAPITALS.

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